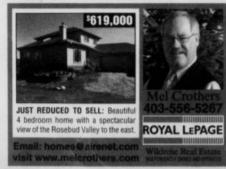
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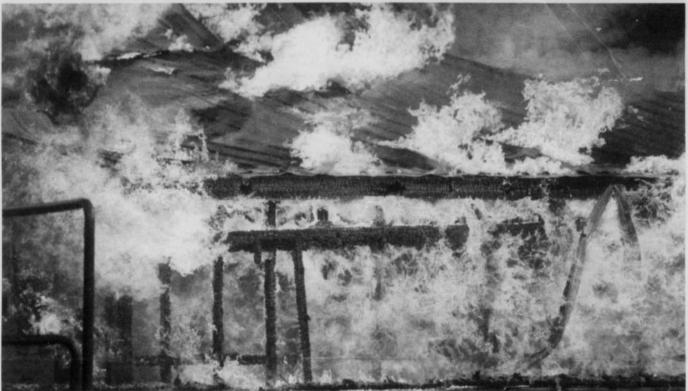
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Photos by Noel West/MVP Staff
Didsbury, Carstairs and Olds fire departments
battle a blaze at River Rock Custom Processing
just south of Didsbury on Rge. Rd. 20 on the
afternoon of March 15. The plant is owned by
Dereck and Andrea Van Sickle as part of the
River Rock Angus beef production and retailing
operation east of Innisfail.

# Fire rips through a family's business

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

A blaze that required firefighters from Didsbury, Carstairs and Olds to respond has destroyed the River Rock Custom Processing plant four kilometres south of Didsbury.

The conflagration ripped through the provincially inspected abattoir March 15, just 10 months after Dereck and Andrea Van Sickle reopened it to serve their Angus Store retail outlet. No one was burt in the fire

No one was hurt in the fire.

The Van Sickles started their River Rock purebred Angus herd in 2004, then opened the Angus Store retail outlet for Sterling Angus beefsteaks, burgers, roasts, smokies and jerky on their farm, five kilometres east of Innisfail on Highway 590.

"We were doing all our processing at River Rock," said Dereck Van Sickle the day after the March 15 fire. "We'll be tight on supply at the store until we find another processor."

"It's too early to say what comes next. The investigation into the cause has just been completed," he said.

Van Sickle said he and Andrea must determine insurance coverage and related matters before making a decision on the future of replacing the burnt-out facility.

The investigation into the fire was conducted by the Didsbury Fire Department, said Jeremy Wagner of the Alberta Office of the Fire Commissioner. The cause was determined to be the overheating of an hydraulic pump.

The plant was previously occupied by Didsbury Meat Processing and was closed about 10 years ago. The facility was acquired by the Van Sickles.

The Van Sickles are third-gener-

ation beef farmers. They produce replacement cattle and finished beef. They grow their own natural forages, limit the use of antibiotics and don't use hormones. So the Sterling beef they sell is designated as "natural."

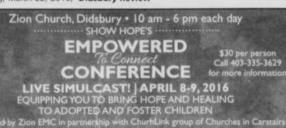
In the wake of a rash of outdoor fires in Mountain View County, authorities imposed a complete fire ban March 10. Effective March 18, the restriction was amended to a partial fire ban.

Open fires, fireworks and recreational fires, unless they are in an acceptable firepit, and permit building fires are still prohibited.

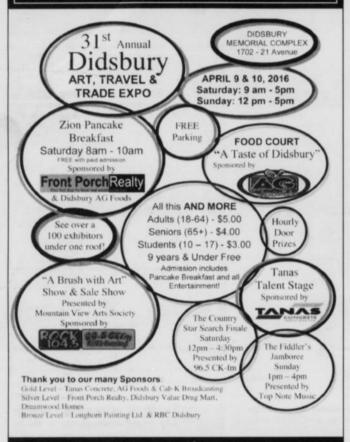
Exceptions are fires in acceptable firepits, acceptable fireplaces, barbecues, household fireplaces and AER flaring. All current fire permits and fireworks permits are suspended.

A county spokesperson could not give a time when the ban would end.





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Usually the True Form Fitness gang works out in space it rents edeemer Lutheran Church. On March 15 they met up at AG Foods to shop for the Mountain View Food Bank. "Some are in need and the more we can do to help them, the better," organizer Drew Taddia. They filled the bin to donate about \$200 in food to the food bank. are, from left, Shawn Ahmad, Christine Ahmad, Cindy Gale, Brenda Wagner, Marg Huebner, Dorothy Keith, Krystal Worth and

### Community Briefs

### Chinook's Edge field hockey team to host Come Try Field Hockey

In a grassroots initiative organized by Alberta Field Hockey and hosted by the Chinook's Edge team, young people in grades five to eight are invited to a free field hockey trial at the Westglen middle school gymnasium in Didsbury April 4 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The co-educational event will give players the opportunity to try the non-contact, fast paced, skilful and fun sport, said Wendy Stewart, the grassroots development staff member of Alberta Field Hockey. Field hockey

sticks will be supplied.

The trials will be coached by Westglen science and physical education teacher Jenny Johnson, and will introduce the players to two new certified coaches, farmer Dayna Hadway and Olds Deer Meadow school teacher Chelsea Overwater.

Hadway and Overwater are step-ping into the field hockey coaching in Didsbury and Johnson is stepping down to devote more time to her family including sons Gavin and Alec.

### Car Club to take over soapbox derby from Lions

The popular Lions Club Father's Day soapbox derby will be taken over this year by the Didsbury Car Club.

The Car Club has the know-how and the resources to take the soapbox derby to the next level, organizers say

The Lions will continue to host its major events - the spring auction at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, the gazebo raffle, the autumn dinner and dance, 24-hour security for the Didsbury trade and travel show, and its equipment rental program.

The club will continue to operate its

community shuttle bus to serve spe cial transportation needs.

#### Miki Town students cheer on Colts

A dozen Japanese exchange students visiting Didsbury from Miki Town in Japan cheered the Colts on to their 4-3 playoff victory over the Cochrane Generals March 19.

It is the first time these students have been at a live hockey game," a spokesperson for the program said as he asked the hockey fans at the Didsbury Memorial Complex to wel-come to the Japanese young people.

Miki Town is Didsbury's Japanese twin municipality. Didsbury hosts a student exchange each March. The students arrived in Didsbury March 11 and are here until March 23.

### Stop n' Play begins March 24

The spring Stop n' Play program at Didsbury Neighborhood Place will begin Thursday, March 24 and run until May 19. This event is for children ages 6 to 12.

The after school program will feature a different activity each week and will include board games, crafts and science experiments. There is a \$5 per

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Members of the STARSkate group perform to Space Oddity.

## **Didsbury Skating Club** hosts annual carnival

### Space Odyssey on ice

It was a Sunday afternoon parents, grandparents, family friends and figure skating fans when the Didsbury Figure Skating Club hosted its annual carnival March 20.

The theme of the event was Space Odyssey and the ice at the Didsbury Memorial Complex sparkled with costumes, make-up and sharpened blades as a cast of approximately 40 young skaters cheered on by their coaches gave a stellar performance. On March 16, Didsbury

Review photographer West attended the Space Odyssey dress rehearsal and took these candid shots.



Volunteer Cydney Sheehan helps a member of the Blue Canskate group off the ice after the group's performance



Members of the Blue Canskate group perform to Way Out.



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### Police briefs

### Intoxicated woman spurns police help

An off-duty police officer stopped to help an intoxicated woman on the highway March 14 but had to arrest her when she refused his help.

"She was very, very intoxicated," said RCMP Sgt. Kimberley Pasloske. 'She lied about her circumstances and resisted arrest.

Cheyanne Taskila of Red Deer was taken into custody with the help of a second police officer.

She has been charged with several offences and was kept in custody until her court appearance to face the charges

In another incident, this one in Didsbury on Feb. 12, Deanne Kobasiuk has been charged with driving while impaired and driving with a blood alcohol level over 0.08. Kobasiuk goes to court April 4.

#### Impaired driver charged

A Didsbury woman is facing several charges after allegedly driving her vehicle into a mobile home on 15th Avenue in Didsbury while impaired.

Irenena Lloyd has been charged with driving while impaired, driving with a blood alcohol concentration level over 0.08, mischief, dangerous driving, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, driving without a licence, driving while uninsured and driving while unauthorized.

Sgt. Pasloske said the suspect caused significant damage to the mobile home.

#### Truck thefts continue

A pickup truck was stolen from Highway 2A near Carstairs on March

Sgt. Pasloske said it was recovered burnt the next day.

A Kia Sorento was also recently stolen from 22nd Avenue in Didsbury and later recovered in Airdrie.

Sgt. Pasloske said it was stolen after the owner started the vehicle and left it running unattended with the keys in the ignition.

#### B and Es ongoing

Waymore Service & Auto Recyclers in Didsbury was recently broken into.

Police say the yard was entered and 30 to 40 tire rims, as well as 30 to 40 catalytic converters were stolen on March 9.

A 2013 white Ford Edge was also broken into while it was parked on 12th Avenue in Carstairs on March 14. Sgt. Pasloske said one of the win-

dows was smashed out. Rural mailboxes were also broken

into sometime between March 11 and Pasloske said the locks were cut on 14 mailboxes located on Rge. Rd. 11

#### and Highway 582. Motorhome vandalized

A motorhome in Carstairs was van dalized sometime between Feb. 12 and March 12 and items were stolen from inside



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### Junior B series opens week tied at two games each

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

The Cochrane Generals had the Mountainview Colts on their heels in the third period of regulation time and the first overtime periods of the Heritage Junior B championship fourth game March 20.

The Generals outshot the Colts 15 to 4 in the third frame and 5-1 in the 10-minute opening overtime. Remarkable goaltending by Thomas Della Siega won the game as he fended off multiple Generals' scoring chan-ces. The Colts' defence protected the net in scrum after scrum with energy missing from the rest of the Colts' play throughout those 30 minutes. Then as the second

overtime period crossed the two-minute mark, the Generals made a mistake. A first class boner

They gave up the puck in their own zone.

Colts sophomore defenceman Jack Vergouwen pounced. He flicked tre Cole Sutherland who passed it on to Ryan

Klinck promptly buried it in the back of the net, scoring his second goal of the game to give the Colts a 4-3 win over the Generals

Evan Ingram opened the scoring, assisted by Jacob Vander Zaag. The Generals tied the score 1-1 on a goal by Chad Harrison before the first period ended.

Goals from Sutherland assisted by Colton Anderson and Dennis "The Menace" Lawrence, and from Mitch Visser on a pass from Vander Zaag and Lawrence gave the Colts a 3-1 lead in the econd frame. Then the Generals narrowed the score with a goal from

The third period was all Generals as the Colts' offence sputtered and Cochrane tried to stage comeback. However, the Generals only scored a power-play goal credited to Chad Harrison

unassisted to tie the game 3-3.

Then the Colts got the last laugh with Klink's game winner.

#### Game one

The Cochrane Generals had the edge in the first game of the championseries. outshooting the Mountainview Colts 41 to 27, playing a crisper game in the first two periods and winning the home opener 2-1 in the Spray Lakes Family Sports Centre March 15.

All three goals came on powerplays and the Colts closed the gap between the two teams in the third

Mitchell Visser scored Mountainview's lone goal for the night, assisted by Cole Sutherland and Dennis Lawrence. When Visser scored, Generals forward George King was in the sin bin for a twominute hooking minor.

The first period was scoreless and the Generals scored their two goals on powerplays in the second period. Colts defenceman Dennis Lawrence was in the penalty box for separate infractions for both goals

Connor Rendell scored both goals for the Generals, assisted on the first by Corey Goeson and Chad Harrison and on the second by Harrison.



The Colts came back in second game played at Didsbury Memorial Complex on March 16,

ended, Chad Harrison scored on a powerplay to reduce the Colts' lead to

Mountainview Colts assistant captain Tyson Schmidt is caught in the scrum in front of

the Cochrane Generals net during the Heritage Junior B playoff game at the Didsbury

Memorial Arena on March 16. The Colts won the game 5 to 3.

Evan Ingram opened

the scoring on a pass from Jacob Vander Zaag

but before the first per-iod ended the Colts had

a quick 2-1 lead on goals

from Slater Ransom and

The second period was the Colts' best 20 min-

utes of play so far in the

series. They outshot the Generals 23-12. Vander

pass from Ingram, fed

by Ryan Klinck. Dennis "The Menace" Lawrence

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In the third period, the Generals fell short of an attempt to gain control of the game, although not for want of trying.

The finale was sweet. he Generals pulled pulled goalie Ty Robinson for a sixth attacker. As they swarmed the Mountianview net, Colts' Clinton defenceman Armitage, playing in his final year of Junior B, scored an empty net goal on a shot from his own zone with 20 seconds remaining on the clock.

#### Game three

The Generals trounced the Mountainview Colts 5-1 in the third game of the series, played in Cochrane March 18.

Occasionally this sea son the Colts have played a stinker. This was one of those games

It was the team at their most hapless; a good game to get out of their system after racking up a playoff record of nine wins and one loss.

Cochrane outshot Mountainview by 44-17, and scored twice in the first and twice in the second periods. The Generals' goals came from Austin Keller, Brett Berndt, Slater Ranson and Talus Hume

Ransom scored again in the third period, widening the Generals' lead to 5-0.

With just four minutes and 44 seconds remaining in the game, Klinck spoiled Cochrane goalie Ty Robinson's shut out and salvaged Mountainview pride with a goal assisted by Perigny and Vergouwen.

The final score was 5-1 in favour of the Generals.

Klinck, who also got the game winner in the fourth game of the ser-ies, and Mitch Visser who notched the team's sole goal; in the first game 2-1 loss, along with Keaton Perigny, Evan Ingram and defencemen Armitage, Vergouwen and Lawrence demonstrated that the Colts are a team with offensive depth.

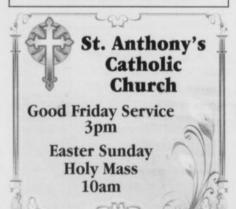
It isn't just Sutherland, Vander Zaag, Pedersen and Schmidt who can generate points, although their sparkling play this season has been a treat. Just saying that if the young guns turn in a couple of big nights along with the players who are peaking, the Colts can bulk up their 25 shots on goal and 2.75 goals per game averages so far in



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## Large Olds contingent on Colts tea

BY JOSEPH HO MVP Staff

For many, competitive hockey ends at midget. But for several Olds residents, the Mountainview Colts junior B hockey gave them the chance to keep playing the sport they love, close to

"There were a couple of us that tried out for the Grizzlys at a younger age, 15, 16. Once we were kind of done minor hockey, we all decided to go out to Didsbury and play together. It's nice to play with guys you've played with your whole life," said forward Austin Pedersen.

'It's a lot of fun to go to the rink. I guess it's like reces ss at middle school,

hanging out with all your buddies."
Pedersen is one of 10 Olds players on the Heritage Junior Hockey
League (HJHL) finalist's roster, including Clinton Armitage, Tyson Schmidt, Keaton Perigny, Quintin Thorburn, Chad Jamieson, Colton Anderson, Ryan Klinck, Evan Ingram and Thomas Della Siega.

Also on the Colts roster are Olds College students Jacob Vander Zaag, Nicholas Miluch and Jack Vergouwen.

Grizzlys business manager Joel Hunter coached them all when they were midget AA players in Olds Minor

During Hunter's time as coach, the midget AA Mustangs (as they were called back then), captured back-to-back league titles during the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons.

In 2012-13, they also won the midget AA provincial championship.

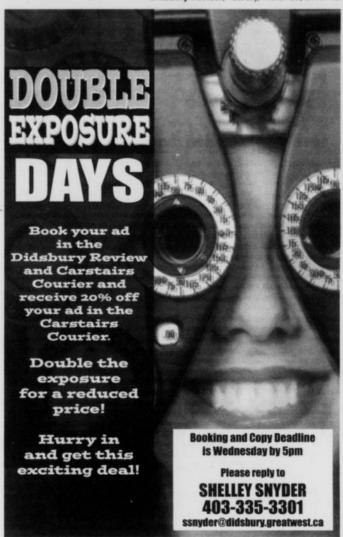
think the most important thing is giving kids a chance to play past midget. It's huge to have a local opportunity for them to play competitive hockey ... and to be able to stay home and still work, go to school, do whatever they want to do. A lot of them want to keep playing and a lot of them are really good hockey players, Hunter said.

are a few differences playing in the HJHL versus the AJHL. The regular season schedule is only 38 games long, compared to 60.

For junior B players in Alberta, the highest level tournament is the Western Canadian Jr. B Championship, where teams vie for the Keystone Cup. There currently is no national championship.

To get there, this Colts team must first win its league championship and qualify for provincials. They will play the Cochrane Generals in the final

As an HJHL finalist, the Colts would have already qualified for a spot at provincials. However, because another HJHL team, the Red Deer Vipers is hosting the tournament and automatically gets to play, the Colts must win the league championship to earn their





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### Didsbury's brand

At the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce after hours networking session at Mugs café, the brightest and the best in the business community knock heads over big business issues

The brightest and the best were talking March 16 about the town's brand – the civic identity that would keep business, draw visitors and new businesses and attract new residents.



FRANK DABBS

Drumheller has dinosaurs what does Didsbury have? History?

Didsbury takes pride in its historic downtown core. "look" attracts moviemakers in spite of being outside the film producers and directors' ideal distance from Calgary.

But history is an ambiance not an identity and many central Alberta towns claim it.

The guest presenters at the networking night were the Didsbury Car Club volunteers, a group that five years

ago was down to a couple of members and was ready to fold.

Now it is one of the most active event hosts - with Show and Shine, the Car Cruz for suicide awareness, the Fathers Day soapbox Derby that they have taken over from the very busy Lion's club and more events that they'd like to do.

They said the brand could be cars. The Show And Shine they stage for collectable cars is arguably the biggest and most successful day of the year in Didsbury.

The Car Club may be the most muscular volunteer organization however Show and Shine is just one event. The Car Cruz and the soapbox derby make

The Mountain View Arts Society has a successful two-day festival in September and this year will host a Days of Yore re-enactors' festival on Heritage Day

weekend at the beginning of August.
The Chamber of Commerce, the Town and the Mountain View Arts Society host a travel, trade and arts show and sale for two days in April.

There is Country Christmas, a one-day collaboration of downtown business and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Curling Club hosts a Farmers and Ranchers bonspiel that runs for a week.

The Ag Society holds a very good rodeo weekend.

When the weather cooperates there will be the first annual Dogsled Derby.

One thing that Didsbury has become very good at is hosting weekend festivals.

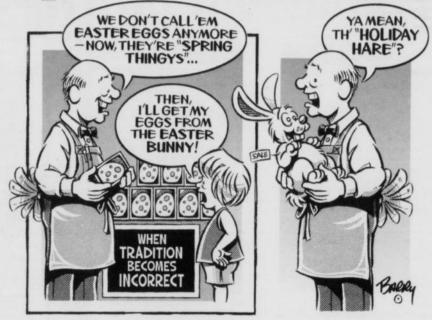
The above list is of ten major events successful in their own right and does not include everything, such as the Ramblers hockey tournament, that could be bigger.

Didsbury does one thing better than any other community in the Highway Two golden corridor and does so without a major hotel and not many restaurants.

Didsbury hosts festivals. People here have forgotten more than volunteers in other towns know about making a success out of

ekend event. Didsbury, the Festival Town has a ring to it, doesn't

# Opinion



### Letters

### Letter writer's credibility questioned

Although I am still unsure of the letter writer's actual concerns, after reading "Changes create dan-gerous legacies" in the March 8 issue of the Carstairs Courier, I feel compelled to make the following obser-

Firstly, it would be helpful if the assertions made in the letter were supported by references to his sources. It is difficult to take seriously a statement such as "What we now see happening to our province and country as the result of government directives was not discussed during the elections that took place in 2015 and has the experts concerned and baffled What is happening? What are the directives? Who are the experts? What are their concerns? And what has caused their bafflement?

Secondly, the nebulous terms are confusing. What are "functioning economic values and models"? How does he define "fiscal accountability"? It would be helpful to know what both are if the reader is to appreciate the gravity of the "disconnect"

Similarly, what evidence, scientific or otherwise, does he rely on to create the link between "social

engineering" (whatever the term means to him) and the "disempowerment of family structures" and an expansive population reduction program"?

Finally, although I struggle to imagine that there is any validity to these seemingly absurd propositions, this leads to my third observation. Two "facts" that he advances, which are "LBGT domination of educational policy and social legislation", and the "enactment of euthanasia for the same compassionate grounds as abortion", push the credibility envelope.

Acceptance, tolerance and compassion are hallmarks of civilized societies. I am grateful that in Canada we have moved past burning witches and imagining that skin colours different from our own somehow denotes status or class

I am saddened, however, that there are still Canadians who believe that sexual orientation is a choice – or that family members and neighbours should be forced to endure their final days in pain, kept alive by dignity-robbing machines

Karel Beckman

### Justin Trudeau 'no friend of western grain farmers'

On Feb. 16, 2016 NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair asked Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAulay when he would restore the Canadian Wheat Board now that the evidence is in that the private grain companies had taken \$6.5 billion from grain farmers in the last two years

The minister's answer certainly should shock western farmers. Yes, he said the wheat board had been sold (reminding Conservatives that a contract is a contract) and he would not be seizing assets, no mat-ter how they were disposed of from G3, which is the combo of Saudi Arabia and Bunge, one of the world's giant private grain companies

In October 2011 Liberal Agriculture and Agri-Food Critic Frank Valeroite, and Liberal Deputy Leader and former minister responsible for the CWB, Ralph Goodale said "The government's decision to kill single desk selling is a clear violation of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, which insists on democratic producer

control. The Act also insists that any changes to the CWB must be made in consultation with their board of directors and with farmers directly, something this government has blatantly refused to do."

When Bill C-18 was tested in federal court, Judge Douglas Campbell, on Dec. 7, 2011, ruled that Ritz vio-lated terms of the existing CWB Act by failing to hold a vote among producers about his proposal to end the CWB's monopoly on wheat and barley sales. In other words, the CWB was then 'illegally gained goods.'

In spite of the Liberal election promises, we now find that the Trudeau government and the new minister of agriculture, like the "emperor with no clothes" stand revealed as no friends of western grain farmers.

And don't tell us that the majority of us are happy with "marketing freedom", because there has yet to be a referendum that proves it.

Joyce Neufeld Waldeck, Sask.

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Mervin Wendell Brower, of Salem, was born Friday, December 9. 1938 and passed away at the age of 77 on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

Mervin was preceded in death by parents, Pearl Joy McArthur and Bennett Blaine Brower; and first wife, Margaret Gwynne Home.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife and best friend, Blanche Ann Brower (Hale); sons, Wesley Browe of Vancouver, WA, Matthew Brower and wife, Esther, of Toronto, ON, CA, and David Brower of Portland, OR; brothers, Wesley Brower and wife, Elaine, of Calgary, AB, CA, and Glenn Brower of Nanaimo, BC, CA; sister, Janet Parry and husband, Bud, of Didsbury, AB, Midweek Trail Family, Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, and First United Methodist Church Family.

Mervin was also heavily active in his church, both in Canada at Park Street Baptist and in Salem at First United Methodist. He served as a deacon for many years, was a Stockade (Christian version of the boy scouts) leader for many years, taught Sunday School for many years, visited shut-ins, was an active participant in the book club and was a member of the Covenant Group.

morial service will be held Wednesday, April 20' 2016 beginning at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Salem, Virgina.

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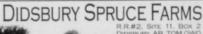


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